

Milwaukee County

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STATEMENT FROM SUPERVISORS ON ADDITIONAL FURLOUGHS DAYS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr., and Chris Larson released the following joint statement after the County Board voted to impose ten additional furlough days on represented employees:

"The County Board, the legislative branch of County government, sets policy and appropriates money. Decisions made beyond that, we believe, lie solely with the administration. The County Executive does not need approval from the County Board to impose additional furlough days.

"It's inappropriate for the County Board to inject itself into administrative functions, and that's why we voted no this morning. The record should reflect that it's Scott Walker's decision to add these additional furlough days, rather than come up with more creative ways to work with union leadership and address the budget deficit that was built in to the 2010 budget by the County Executive himself.

"These furloughs will have a huge impact on County services, including programs that generate revenue. That's why we are asking for department heads to give us a report by April detailing the impact these furloughs will have on the services that our constituents demand."